

Variable	Description	Note	Source
ccode	Country identifier		Gleditsch, K. S. (2002). Expanded trade and GDP data. <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> , 46(5), 712-724.
location	name of conflict country		
conflictid	Conflict identifier		Pettersson, T., Davies, S., Deniz, A., Engström, G., Hawach, N., Högladh, S., & Öberg, M. S. M. (2021). Organized violence 1989–2020, with a special emphasis on Syria. <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> , 58(4), 809-825.
epinum	Conflict episode identifier		Kreutz, J. (2010). How and when armed conflicts end: Introducing the UCDP Conflict Termination dataset. <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> , 47(2), 243-250.
pwid	Post war episode identifier		
year	Year of observation		
side_b	Active rebel group (if active==1), Active rebel groups in final year of fighting (if active==0)		Pettersson, T., Davies, S., Deniz, A., Engström, G., Hawach, N., Högladh, S., & Öberg, M. S. M. (2021). Organized violence 1989–2020, with a special emphasis on Syria. <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> , 58(4), 809-825.
active	Conflict active (1) or post-conflict (0)		Kreutz, J. (2010). How and when armed conflicts end: Introducing the UCDP Conflict Termination dataset. <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> , 47(2), 243-250.
lastyear	Indicate if last year of conflict		Kreutz, J. (2010). How and when armed conflicts end: Introducing the UCDP Conflict Termination dataset. <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> , 47(2), 243-250.
DVrecur	Indicate conflict recurrence		Kreutz, J. (2010). How and when armed conflicts end: Introducing the UCDP Conflict Termination dataset. <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> , 47(2), 243-250.
incompatibility	Conflict over territory (1), government (2), both (3)		Pettersson, T., Davies, S., Deniz, A., Engström, G., Hawach, N., Högladh, S., & Öberg, M. S. M. (2021). Organized violence 1989–2020, with a special emphasis on Syria. <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> , 58(4), 809-825.
territory_name	Name of territory if incompatibility=1		Pettersson, T., Davies, S., Deniz, A., Engström, G., Hawach, N., Högladh, S., & Öberg, M. S. M. (2021). Organized violence 1989–2020, with a special emphasis on Syria. <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> , 58(4), 809-825.
startyear	Conflict episode startyear		Kreutz, J. (2010). How and when armed conflicts end: Introducing the UCDP Conflict Termination dataset. <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> , 47(2), 243-250.
endyear	Conflict episode end year		Kreutz, J. (2010). How and when armed conflicts end: Introducing the UCDP Conflict Termination dataset. <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> , 47(2), 243-250.
time0	Post-conflict year count (starting with 0)		
time1	Post-conflict year count (starting with 1)		
time2	Post-conflict year count, squared		
time3	Post-conflict year count, cubed		
included	Post-conflict episodes		
cem_ivany	Matched sample		
IVany	PMSC being used at some point of conflict episode	Combat events defined and extracted by Bara, C. & J. Kreutz (2022)	Avant, D & K. Kingma Neu (2019) The Private Security Events Database. <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> 63(8), 1986-2006.
IVanylast	PMSC being used in the last year of conflict episode	Combat events defined and extracted by Bara, C. & J. Kreutz (2022)	Avant, D & K. Kingma Neu (2019) The Private Security Events Database. <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> 63(8), 1986-2006.
IVany2ndlast	PMSC being used in the second last year of conflict episode	Combat events defined and	Avant, D & K. Kingma Neu (2019) The Private Security Events Database. <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> 63(8), 1986-2006.

		extracted by Bara, C. & J. Kreutz (2022)	
IVany3rdlast	PMSC being used in the third last year of conflict episode	Combat events defined and extracted by Bara, C. & J. Kreutz (2022)	Avant, D & K. Kingma Neu (2019) The Private Security Events Database. Journal of Conflict Resolution 63(8), 1986-2006.
IVanybefore	PMSC being used, but excluding the last year, of conflict episode	Combat events defined and extracted by Bara, C. & J. Kreutz (2022)	Avant, D & K. Kingma Neu (2019) The Private Security Events Database. Journal of Conflict Resolution 63(8), 1986-2006.
IVcount	Number of PMSC events	Combat events defined and extracted by Bara, C. & J. Kreutz (2022)	Avant, D & K. Kingma Neu (2019) The Private Security Events Database. Journal of Conflict Resolution 63(8), 1986-2006.
IVcountlast	Number of PMSC events in the last year	Combat events defined and extracted by Bara, C. & J. Kreutz (2022)	Avant, D & K. Kingma Neu (2019) The Private Security Events Database. Journal of Conflict Resolution 63(8), 1986-2006.
IVcountbefore	Number of PMSC events, but excluding the last year, of conflict episode	Combat events defined and extracted by Bara, C. & J. Kreutz (2022)	Avant, D & K. Kingma Neu (2019) The Private Security Events Database. Journal of Conflict Resolution 63(8), 1986-2006.
PSCcount	Number of PMSC combat events in the postwar period	Combat events defined and extracted by Bara, C. & J. Kreutz (2022)	Avant, D & K. Kingma Neu (2019) The Private Security Events Database. Journal of Conflict Resolution 63(8), 1986-2006.
PSC2count	Number of PMSC events in the postwar period, regardless of type of action		Avant, D & K. Kingma Neu (2019) The Private Security Events Database. Journal of Conflict Resolution 63(8), 1986-2006.
PSCyearcount	Number of consecutive years of PMSC activity	Combat events defined and extracted by Bara, C. & J. Kreutz (2022)	Avant, D & K. Kingma Neu (2019) The Private Security Events Database. Journal of Conflict Resolution 63(8), 1986-2006.
PSCany	Presence of PMSC during conflict episode, regardless of type of action		Avant, D & K. Kingma Neu (2019) The Private Security Events Database. Journal of Conflict Resolution 63(8), 1986-2006.
IVgovany	PMSC being used by the government side at some point of conflict episode	Combat events defined and extracted by Bara, C. & J. Kreutz (2022)	Avant, D & K. Kingma Neu (2019) The Private Security Events Database. Journal of Conflict Resolution 63(8), 1986-2006.
Ivgovanylast	PMSC being used by the government side in the last year of conflict episode	Combat events defined and extracted by Bara, C. & J. Kreutz (2022)	Avant, D & K. Kingma Neu (2019) The Private Security Events Database. Journal of Conflict Resolution 63(8), 1986-2006.
Ivgovanybefore	PMSC being used by the government side, but excluding the last year, of conflict episode	Combat events defined and extracted by	Avant, D & K. Kingma Neu (2019) The Private Security Events Database. Journal of Conflict Resolution 63(8), 1986-2006.

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IVgovcount	Number of PMSC event when used by the government side	Combat events defined and extracted by Bara, C. & J. Kreutz (2022)	Avant, D & K. Kingma Neu (2019) The Private Security Events Database. Journal of Conflict Resolution 63(8), 1986-2006.
IVgovcountlast	Number of PMSC events in the last year when used by the government side	Combat events defined and extracted by Bara, C. & J. Kreutz (2022)	Avant, D & K. Kingma Neu (2019) The Private Security Events Database. Journal of Conflict Resolution 63(8), 1986-2006.
IVgovcountbefore	Number of PMSC events being used by the government side, but excluding the last year, of conflict episode	Combat events defined and extracted by Bara, C. & J. Kreutz (2022)	Avant, D & K. Kingma Neu (2019) The Private Security Events Database. Journal of Conflict Resolution 63(8), 1986-2006.
IVrebany	PMSC being used by the rebels at some point of conflict episode	Combat events defined and extracted by Bara, C. & J. Kreutz (2022)	Avant, D & K. Kingma Neu (2019) The Private Security Events Database. Journal of Conflict Resolution 63(8), 1986-2006.
IVrebanylast	PMSC being used by the rebels in the last year of conflict episode	Combat events defined and extracted by Bara, C. & J. Kreutz (2022)	Avant, D & K. Kingma Neu (2019) The Private Security Events Database. Journal of Conflict Resolution 63(8), 1986-2006.
IVrebanybefore	PMSC being used by the rebels, but excluding the last year, of conflict episode	Combat events defined and extracted by Bara, C. & J. Kreutz (2022)	Avant, D & K. Kingma Neu (2019) The Private Security Events Database. Journal of Conflict Resolution 63(8), 1986-2006.
IVrebcoun	Number of PMSC events when used by the rebels	Combat events defined and extracted by Bara, C. & J. Kreutz (2022)	Avant, D & K. Kingma Neu (2019) The Private Security Events Database. Journal of Conflict Resolution 63(8), 1986-2006.
IVrebcounlast	Number of PMSC events in the last year when used by the rebels	Combat events defined and extracted by Bara, C. & J. Kreutz (2022)	Avant, D & K. Kingma Neu (2019) The Private Security Events Database. Journal of Conflict Resolution 63(8), 1986-2006.
IVrebcounbefore	Number of PMSC events being used by the rebels, but excluding the last year, of conflict episode	Combat events defined and extracted by Bara, C. & J. Kreutz (2022)	Avant, D & K. Kingma Neu (2019) The Private Security Events Database. Journal of Conflict Resolution 63(8), 1986-2006.
C_confdur	The duration of preceding conflict episode		Kreutz, J. (2010). How and when armed conflicts end: Introducing the UCDP Conflict Termination dataset. Journal of Peace Research, 47(2), 243-250.
C_agreement	Previous conflict episode ended with a peace agreement or a ceasefire		Kreutz, J. (2010). How and when armed conflicts end: Introducing the UCDP Conflict Termination dataset. Journal of Peace Research, 47(2), 243-250.
C_victory	Previous conflict episode ended with a victory		Kreutz, J. (2010). How and when armed conflicts end: Introducing the UCDP Conflict Termination dataset. Journal of Peace Research, 47(2), 243-250.
C_Inuntotals	Log-transformed measure of number of UN peacekeeping	Log-transformed	International Peace Institute (2019) IPI peacekeeping database. Available at http://www.providingforpeacekeeping.org/contributions/ .

	troops (+1) deployed in the country		
C_lngdpcap	Log-transformed measure of GDP/capita	Log-transformed, interpolated for some missing observations, and extrapolated to cover 2012-2013.	Gleditsch, K. S. (2002). Expanded trade and GDP data. <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> , 46(5), 712-724.
C_lnnatres	Log-transformed measure of natural resource rents as % of GDP	Log-transformed, linearly interpolated between years.	The World Bank (2021) Total Natural Resource Rents (% of GDP), https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GDP.TOTL.RT.ZS
C_secsup	If external troops supported the government side or the rebels during the final year of conflict episode		Pettersson, T., Davies, S., Deniz, A., Engström, G., Hawach, N., Högladh, S., & Öberg, M. S. M. (2021). Organized violence 1989–2020, with a special emphasis on Syria. <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> , 58(4), 809-825.
C_pgmili	If pro-government militias were present during the final year of conflict episode		Carey, S.C., N. J. Mitchell & K. Paula (2022) The life, death and diversity of pro-government militias: The fully revised pro-government militias database version 2.0. <i>Research & Politics</i> 9(1).
C_multidyad	If there were more than one active rebel group during the final year of conflict episode		Pettersson, T., Davies, S., Deniz, A., Engström, G., Hawach, N., Högladh, S., & Öberg, M. S. M. (2021). Organized violence 1989–2020, with a special emphasis on Syria. <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> , 58(4), 809-825.
C_lnbperexp	Ratio rebel troop strength to government military spending	Log-transformed	
C_rebsize	Rebel troop size at final year of conflict episode		Kreutz, J. (2018). New rebels in postconflict settings: The principal–agent dilemma of peacebuilding. <i>Peace & Change</i> , 43(2), 218-247.
milexinter	Government military spending	Inter-polated for missing data years	Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (2021) "SIPRI Military Expenditure Database", https://www.sipri.org/databases/milex
ra_all	PMSC presence during preceding conflict episode, alternative data		Radziszewski, E., & Akcinaroglu, S. (2020). Private military & security companies, conflict complexity, and peace duration: an empirical analysis. <i>Small Wars & Insurgencies</i> , 31(7-8), 1415-1440.
m_all	Presence of "foreign fighters" during preceding conflict episode		Malet, D. (2017) <i>Foreign Fighters</i> , 2nd editions. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
m_ra_IVany	Combination of info from 3 datasets on PMSC and "foreign fighters"		
bd_best	Total battledeaths in conflict episode		Pettersson, T., Davies, S., Deniz, A., Engström, G., Hawach, N., Högladh, S., & Öberg, M. S. M. (2021). Organized violence 1989–2020, with a special emphasis on Syria. <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> , 58(4), 809-825.
C_lnbdyear	Total battledeaths in conflict episode/duration of conflict episode	Log-transformed	